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FOR MATLOCK FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE YOUR 13147: TASS ARTICLE ON TRADE RELATIONS. PA
TELLS US IT IS DOING AN ANALYSIS OF THE HARRIS POLL WHICH
TASS CITES, AS WELL AS OTHERS. WE SHOULD HAVE IT SHORTLY
AND WILL SEND IT TO YOU. THE HAMILTON BILL IS ANOTHER VER-
SION OF THE FINLEY AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD OPEN UP CCC CREDITS
TO NON-MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF
THE HAMILTON AND FINDLEY INITIATIVES.

2. WE ARE TOLD BY REPORTERS THAT DOBRYNIN'S PRESS CONFER-
ENCE THIS MORNING TO ANNOUNCE THE OLYMPIC MEDALS BEING
MINTED BY THE SOVIETS TURNED OUT TO BE SOMETHING OF A FIASCO.
THE CORRESPONDENTS BADGERED HIM ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON THE
WHITNEY-PIPER CASE. THE THRUST OF THE QUESTIONING WAS HOW
COULD CORRESPONDENTS GO TO COVER THE OLYMPIC GAMES WHEN
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THEY WOULD RISK COURT ACTIONS OVER THEIR REPORTING. DOBRY-
NIN REPORTEDLY SEEMED UNINFORMED ABOUT THE CASE AND VERY
ILL AT EASE.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLAN TO SEND AN EMBASSY OFFICER
WITH WHITNEY AND PIPER TO THE COURT PROCEEDINGS, WE RECALL
THAT THIS WAS DONE SUCCESSFULLY IN 1972 WHEN AP CORRESPON-

DENT JAMES PEIPERT WAS SUMMONED AS A WITNESS IN THE
BUKOVSKIY CASE. WE BELIEVE ART. 7, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE
CONSULAR CONVENTION WAS USED AS OUR JUSTIFICATION ON THAT
OCCASION AND THIS MIGHT SERVE AS A USEFUL PRECEDENT IF THE
SOVIETS SHOULD OBJECT. VANCE

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